

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Janssens *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/896,053

Filed: July 17, 1997

For: **Method of Inducing Vasodilation  
and Treating Pulmonary  
Hypertension Using Adenoviral-  
Mediated Transfer of the Nitric  
Oxide Synthase Gene**

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anne Marie S. Beckerleg

Atty. Docket: 0609.4280001

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.